

# 10 Tips for Driving in Work Zones



## EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!

Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, detours made, and people may be working on or near the road.



**PAY ATTENTION TO THE SIGNS!** Warning signs are used to help you and other drivers move safely through the work zone. Observe posted signs until you see the sign stating you have left the work zone.



**SLOW DOWN!** Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes; obey posted speed limits.



**OBEY ROAD CREW FLAGGERS!** The flagger knows what work activity is planned and the appropriate speed for moving traffic safely in the work zone. A flagger has the same authority as a regulatory sign and you can be cited for disobeying his or her directions.



**DON'T TAILGATE! KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU & THE CAR AHEAD OF YOU.** The most common crash in a highway work zone is the rear end collision.



**KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOUR VEHICLE & CONSTRUCTION WORKERS & THEIR EQUIPMENT.**



**STAY ALERT & MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS!** Dedicate your full attention to the roadway and avoid changing radio stations or using cell phones while driving in a work zone.



**KEEP UP WITH THE TRAFFIC FLOW.** Motorists can help maintain traffic flow in following the posted speeds, merging smoothly, and not slowing to watch road work activities.



**SCHEDULE ENOUGH TIME TO DRIVE SAFELY & CHECK RADIO, TV AND WEBSITES FOR TRAFFIC INFORMATION.** Expect delays and leave early so you can reach your destination on time.



**BE PATIENT & STAY CALM.** Work zones aren't set to personally inconvenience you. Remember, work zone crews are working to improve the road in a safe and timely manner and to make your future driving experiences better.